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Long-awaited start to Washington Street project is finally here

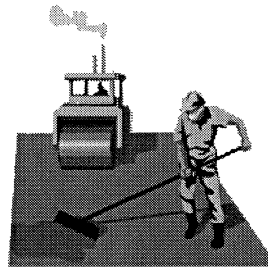
It has been many years that City residents have heard that DelDOT has plans to reconstruct Washington Street. DelDOT officials have informed the City that work will begin in November

The project actually covers a larger area than just the one street and includes work to be done on Seventh and South Streets, as well.

During the past several months DelDOT has been in the process of obtaining temporary and

permanent easements from private property owners and also the Trustees of the New Castle Commons and the City.

Work to be done includes milling and overlays of the streets, new sidewalks and some drainage work.



The Municipal Services Commission (MSC) also coordinated with DelDOT concerning the impact of the construction work on the water lines installed in the area. A cooperative agreement was reached that all the watermains on Washington Street (known to be more than 100 years old), from the intersection of Routes 141 and 273 to 7th Street will be replaced. The

MSC will provide the parts and materials and DelDOT will pay their contractor the labor costs for the installation.

At the November 13 City Council meeting, a public hearing will be held at 6:30 concerning temporary parking restrictions related to the project. DelDOT is requesting the City Council to approve a "NO PARKING" zone which includes all of Washington Street on both sides for the duration of the construction project, which is projected to be mid-July next year. If approved, the parking restrictions could include that vehicles of violators are subject to being towed.

Of course, motorists traveling through the work zones are urged to slow down and use caution to ensure the safety of the construction workers.

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Nov. 13 at
Town Hall

November Events

Sunday, Nov. 4 from Noon to 4 p.m.
St. Peter's Cafeteria ♦ 515 Harmony St.
☛ **Polish Dinner** ☚
Benefits the St. Peter Athletic Assoc.



Platter includes Golabki (stuffed cabbage),
Pierogi, Kielbasa (smoked or fresh),
Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Rye Bread and Dessert

Reserve your dinner online at:
Stppolish.qrickets.com

\$11 per person

Kids meal available for \$4 the day of the dinner

Monday, November 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
at the New Castle Presbyterian Church
Christian Education Building, 25 East 2nd Street
☛ **English Country Dance Class** ☚
Learn historic dances from the 17th to 19th centuries.
No experience or partner required.
NCHistorical@aol.com

Thursday, November 22 at 8 a.m.
at the New Castle Presbyterian Church
Christian Education Building, 25 East 2nd Street
☛ **Thanksgiving Breakfast** ☚
Share a catered fellowship meal together
with brief devotions. Donations accepted.
www.NewCastlePresChurch.org ♦ 302-328-3279

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The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!

Homeland Security Officials encourage citizens to utilize new Anti-Terrorism Mobile FORCE 1-2 App to report suspicious activity

Delawareans can now use their smartphones to help protect the First State from possible threats related to terrorist activity.

The Delaware Information and Analysis Center (DIAC) now offers a mobile app to report suspicious activities in real-time by attaching a photo, sending location information, or entering details about suspicious vehicles or persons. In addition, users can choose to make their report anonymously or can include contact information for follow-up by law enforcement.

"This is a quick and easy way for citizens to help us protect our communities and we encourage them to utilize this new app to report any suspicious activity. With this app, our citizens can serve as extra eyes and ears for our law enforcement community," said Lewis D. Schiliro, Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security. "Some of the best leads law enforcement get are from people in the community who witness potential threats to our nation's security and take the initiative to provide a tip."

It is important that citizens understand the new app is not meant for emergency calls to the police.

Citizens should use 911 for emergencies or events in progress.

The new app is a mobile version of the DIAC's successful Force 1-2 anti-terrorism telephone and website-based reporting system, part of the DIAC's effort to help protect the State by facilitating communication between state, local, and federal agencies.

According to DSP Col. Robert Coupe, "The suspicious activity reporting app provides the citizens with a new method to communicate their concerns to law enforcement

by leveraging the smart phone technology that most citizens now possess and improving the safety of our communities and State."

The Force 1-2 app is for reporting concerns that may not be a problem, but are still suspicious and is available as a free download for both iPhone and Android phones at the Apple App Store, GooglePlay and via Delaware.gov.

Citizens can also submit a tip through the DIAC Website or by calling the anti-terrorism tip line: 1-800-FORCE12 (1-800-367-2312).

National Park update

Some new developments have recently been discussed concerning the establishment of a National Park for Delaware. Elected officials from the City up through Congress have supported this initiative.

The park proposal includes that numerous sites throughout the State would be designated as part of the park, with the park headquarters located in the City of New Castle.

The newest site to be considered as part of the park is land currently owned by the Woodlawn

Trustees, more than 1,000 acres located in northern Delaware along the Brandywine River, which also includes a portion of southern Pennsylvania.

Discussions have also been held to consider an alternative designation as a "National Monument." The Federal Antiquities Act permits the U.S. President to approve a proclamation designating a national monument.

Presidential approval could occur more quickly than approval from Congress. One famous example of a National Park which was originally a National Monument is the Grand Canyon.

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes. This includes working with residents, neighborhoods, public service agencies and other City offices.

Complaint forms are available at the City offices or on the City Web site at: NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov. To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

This month's highlights and general reminders

- Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks, curbs and driveways. Most maintenance activities require a building permit, and in the historic area, approval from the Historic Area Commission (HAC).
- Grass must be maintained on a regular basis.
- Trash and garbage left at the curb for pick up must be stored in containers with lids at all times. Permissible times for placement must be observed.
- Exterior storage of debris, junk, indoor furniture, appliances, etc. is prohibited.
- Vehicles which are unregistered, wrecked, inoperable or missing any major components cannot be stored anywhere in the City except in a fully enclosed building.
- Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. This must be done immediately.